

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 31, 2001 with claims 1-23. Claims 1-23 remain pending. Claims 1, 15-17, and 23 are the pending independent claims.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 13, 15-17 and 23.

Claim 3 has been amended to correct the informality as suggested by the Examiner.

Independent claims 1, 15, 17 and 23 have been amended to recite that the voter interface unit is operative to automatically identify the disability related communication device as being of a particular type. Further, each of these independent claims recites that the voter interface unit is further operative to alter the manner in which it confirms identification information provided by the voter and delivers ballot choices to the voter based at least in part on the automatically identified device type.

Independent claim 16 has also been amended to recite that the voter interface unit is operative to automatically identify the disability related communication device as being of a particular type. Additionally, claim 16 recites that the voter interface unit is further operative to alter the manner in which it confirms identification information provided by the voter and prompts the voter to provide registration information based at least in part on the automatically identified device type.

Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, line 15 through page 5, line 3; page 6, lines 14-25; and page 7, lines 11-22.

It is believed that the claims as amended recite patentable subject matter over the cited art.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejections

Respectfully submitted,



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